

Everyday is special . . . because you are.

Dayton, Oregon  
April 9th

Hello Dears!

I surely haven't found much time for letter writing of late-or should I say, no time-I just don't get them done! I think of you so often though-How is your weather? More springlike than ours, no doubt! It's misty again today and in the upper forty's -tomorrow and the rest of the week are predicted to be better, I hope-Dad is having trouble getting good enough weather to work on the barn-yesterday he and Merle worked about six hours, I guess-but for the past couple of weeks it's been too wet so he worked at our dance hall off and on-the one half of the floor was in bad shape-peeling, in fact-so he scraped off the old finish by hand, and down on his knees in order to do a good job-would work a couple of hours and go back the next day of afternoon, etc. Now he has that half the floor that was bad all finished-two of the men came Sunday morning and ran the sander for him and another came last night and helped buff it- we went over Sunday night after coming back from Conways and I vaccumed up the sanding dust and he put a coat of sealer on it-so now it's ready for "testing" Thursday night when we have class-

We've hired our new clerk now and she's in her second week-she will be real good, I think, when she learns all the things she will have to know. I'm hoping I can get my feet done in May-we shall see-I am not looking forward to the period right after surgery-for that first two or three weeks, at least! Ugh-

I don't know much news-haven't heard from Jerry for quite awhile-was going to call him Sunday but we didn't stay home long enough to get the call through-maybe tonight-Found a note from Ken and Debbi when we got home Sunday evening-they had spent the night at Tompkins and were en route home when they stopped-(I wonder if we could have met them on the road?) Surely didn't notice them, anyway. Guess I told you we had dinner with them a week ago to celebrate my birthday-Thank you so much for the lovely card you sent, too-I had some very nice ones!

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Guess Caroline told you about Tracy getting married again-I thought about it but didn't write the letter, I guess-Ha- They seem to love it out in the country-it really isn't very far out-where Freeborns used to live, if you remember- Daren loves it there and Tracy always has liked having animals around- they have a horse or horses and other sundry animals- I hope she will be happy this time-

Ned will be coming in momentarily so I'll have to quit- I hope you have a nice spring vacation, dear-and we'll look for you this summer-

Much love,

Mom & Dad.